

Human Trafficking Happens Here
Community Dialogue on Human Trafficking
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SPEAKER BIOS

Captain Matthew Barnes, Wausau Police Department

Captain Matthew Barnes has been a Police Officer with the Wausau Police Department for the last 15 years. During that time he has been assigned as a Patrol Officer, Under Cover Drug Investigator, Detective, Patrol Lieutenant, and Patrol Captain. Captain Barnes has had the opportunity to investigate prostitution cases involving the trafficking of juvenile females and has supervised and participated in prostitution and “John” sting operations in Wausau and surrounding areas. As a result of the sting, operations has identified a need for continued investigation into human trafficking and additional local resources. Captain Barnes also worked with City of Wausau Leaders to develop and pass City Ordinances pertaining to prostitution and escort services.

Jane Graham Jennings, The Women’s Community

Jane Graham Jennings has worked at The Women’s Community for over 19 years, serving as the Executive Director for 16 years. Since 1996, Jane has been a certified Law Enforcement Trainer through the Office of Justice Assistance, training law enforcement throughout the state on how to respond to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. She was appointed by Governor Walker to serve as the victim representative on the state wide Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in 2012.

Jane received the “Voices of Courage” Award from the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault in 2002, was selected as the United Way Campaigner of the Year in 2003, received the Woman of Vision award in 2003, received the United Way Dedication to Service Award in 2004, was nominated for ATHENA Award in 2008 and received the John L. Cook Memorial Award in 2011.

Jane is driven by her desire to improve the lives of the disenfranchised, especially women. She has dedicated her life to supporting people in their efforts to find their own truth and live it.

Jane and her husband Chris are avid outdoors people enjoying hunting and fishing. They have a Wire Hair Pointing Griffon hunting dog, named Rocket.

Karen Katz, Wisconsin Women's Council

Karen Katz is the Marketing Director at EO Johnson Business Technologies in Wausau, WI. EO Johnson Business Technologies is a leading distributor of print/document equipment, document management systems, IT Network Services, and pure drinking water systems and has offices in Wausau, Eau Claire, La Crosse (WI), Rochester (MN), and Cedar Falls (IA). Karen is a seasoned marketing/communications professional with experience in banking, insurance, manufacturing, government, and video production in Wisconsin and Southern California.

Karen is actively engaged in community work. She received the 2013 Wausau Chamber of Commerce's Athena Award recognizing those who make a difference in the advancement of women in leadership and professional roles. Her community involvement includes: United Way of Marathon County, LIFE in Marathon County, Healthy Marathon County, and the Wausau Lyric Choir. Past involvement has included: Project Step Up, The Women's Community, Trinity Lutheran School Board, Trinity Lutheran Church Council, and the Wausau Conservatory of Music, and Wisconsin Woodchuck Advisory Board.

She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison with degrees in Communication Arts and Theater and has earned the Certified Financial Marketing Professional (CFMP) designation. She is also a graduate of the American Bankers Association School of Bank Marketing and the Wausau Chamber of Commerce's Excellence g2 and original LeadershipWausau programs. Karen has served as a Governor's Appointee to the Women's Council Board since 2012.

Christine Lidbury, Wisconsin Women's Council

Christine Lidbury has been Executive Director of the Wisconsin Women's Council since 2004, providing nonpartisan executive leadership and developing initiatives on a wide variety of public policy issue impacting women and girls in Wisconsin. Christine works to develop partnerships across public, private, and non-profit sectors, including with elected and appointed government officials, and the state's university and technical college systems. Christine plans and hosts conferences, special events, workshops and educational programs; convenes and leads working groups, committees and task force groups; provide high-quality, nonpartisan research, including economic, statistical, and policy analyses to advise the Council Board and for publication; and testifies before legislative bodies.

Prior to joining the Council, Christine worked with the New York City Independent Budget Office, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); and the US Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President (Washington, DC). The Wisconsin Women's Council, established in 1983, is state government's statutory commission on the status of women and girls in Wisconsin. The 15-member, bi-partisan Council board is appointed by the Governor and Legislative Leaders.

Jan Miyasaki, Project Respect

Jan Miyasaki is the director of Project Respect, a Dane County, Wisconsin-based social service agency that provides services to adults and juveniles victimized in sex trafficking and prostitution since 1993. She holds a J.D. from Marquette University Law School and has received numerous awards for her work at Project Respect, including the Individual Excellence Award from the Madison Community Foundation, the Woman of Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Women of Color Network, and the Partnership in Building Trust Award from the Madison Police Department. With Miyasaki's leadership, Project Respect has led the discussion in Wisconsin to promote an understanding of issues faced by sexually exploited women. Conferences on "Female Sexual Slavery" (1994) and "Prostitution and Pornography as a Violation of Human Rights" (1997) brought nationally recognized experts to the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In 2004, Respect clients participated in ground-breaking research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work. Each participant described her experience of having been sex trafficked and gave her perspective on what services are helpful. Participants described their experiences at Respect as transformative and affecting their sense of self which allowed them to see their worthiness to receive care.

In 2006, Miyasaki was a founding member of the Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Consortium (formerly known as the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Anti-Human Trafficking Committee). In 2008, the Consortium published "Hidden in Plain Sight: a baseline survey of human trafficking in Wisconsin which led to the passage of the Wisconsin anti-human trafficking law.

In 2010, Miyasaki co-founded the Coordinated Community Response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children which has led the response to domestic minor sex trafficking in Dane County through education, research, community consensus building and development of social services for victims. She is the lead author of the 2012 report, "Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Dane County Needs Assessment". Also in 2012, through her work on the Consortium, she drafted the victim services chapter and edited the Wisconsin Human trafficking Protocol and Resource Manual.

Andrea Oyuela, The Women's Community

Andrea Oyuela, originally from Colombia, is the coordinator of the Hispanic Outreach Program at The Women's Community of Wausau, WI. She works with Hispanic victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault and Human Trafficking of Central Wisconsin. She also provides services that include: serving as a liaison between the Hispanic community and local agencies such as, law enforcement, social and health services and the criminal justice system, educating families and creating awareness of the negative impact violence has in children and youth, facilitating support groups and advocating for their rights. Since 2014 she has been dedicating more time to respond and support Hispanic victims of Human Trafficking. Andrea has a BHS from Florida International University and will complete her MHS-MPA from Capella University in 2016.

Jenniffer Price, Wisconsin Department of Justice

Jenniffer Price is the Director of Special Operations for the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and has been in law enforcement for over eighteen years. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Madison and upon graduating, began her law enforcement career as a police officer for the Wausau Police Department. Jenniffer has been a certified law enforcement agent with DCI for over fourteen years. She was assigned to the DCI - Narcotics Bureau for nearly six years, and from 2005 until December 2013, Jenniffer was assigned to the Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. From 2010 through her appointment to Director of Special Operations in December 2013, Jenniffer was the Special Agent in Charge of DCI's Computer Forensics and Child Sex Trafficking Units and the Commander for the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force.

Jenniffer currently oversees DCI's Special Operations Bureau, which includes the Wisconsin Statewide Information Center (WSIC, the state's intelligence fusion center); Technical Services; Amber Alert; Wisconsin Clearinghouse For Missing and Exploited Children and Adults; the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network; the Gaming Enforcement Unit; and Internal Affairs. Jenniffer has been with the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Child Abduction Response Team (CART) since its inception in 2009 and has been the CART Commander since 2010. Jenniffer is the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Continuity of Operations/Continuity of Government (COOP/COG) manager and in 2014 was appointed as the Wisconsin Department of Justice's representative on the Wisconsin Emergency Support Team (WEST), a coordinated state unit to support local disaster response and recovery efforts.

Jenniffer has received specialized training in the investigations of crimes against children, including child abductions, child fatalities, sexual assault and abuse of a child, child enticement, computer facilitated crimes against children, child sex trafficking and forensic interviewing of children. Jenniffer has also received specialized training in continuity of operations, homeland security, and disaster preparedness.

Jenniffer has provided educational training to thousands of law enforcement officers, teachers, social workers, counselors, parents and students throughout the state of Wisconsin and was a consultant for the College of DuPage's Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. Additionally, Jenniffer has trained law enforcement in vicarious trauma associated with child exploitation investigations and created the Division of Criminal Investigation's current policy on ICAC Wellness and the Division's Child Sex Trafficking Unit.

John Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin

John W. Vaudreuil is the United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin. Prior to his appointment to this position in August 2010 by President Barack Obama, he was an Assistant United States Attorney in the district since January 1980 representing the United States in criminal cases in federal court. He has handled thousands of criminal cases including fraud, public corruption, environmental crimes, murder, tax crimes, bank robberies, and drug crimes. In 1992, he was designated as a Senior Litigation Counsel by the Department of Justice, and in June 2002 he was named the Chief for the Criminal Division for the United States Attorney's Office. He served in that position until his appointment as United States Attorney.

Vaudreuil also has national and international teaching experience. From 1987 to 2002, he taught Evidence and Trial Advocacy to law students at the University of Wisconsin Law School. From 1992 to the present, he has taught thousands of U.S. prosecutors regarding evidence, trial advocacy, and criminal procedure. Since 2001 he has supported the rule of law efforts of the U.S. Department of Justice, teaching prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges in Albania, the Czech Republic, Qatar, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Macedonia, Uzbekistan, Kosovo, Republic of Georgia, Russia, Serbia, Uganda, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Estonia, Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bangladesh, Kenya, Ukraine, and Thailand.